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**ACTION COMMUNICATION**

Date: 07/28/93

**FROM:** LAS VEGAS (P)  
RENO RA

**CONTACT:** SSRA [REDACTED]

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**TO:** CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
VCMO SECTION  
VIOLENT CRIME UNIT  
DOMESTIC TERRORISM UNIT

WMFO  
HOSTAGE RESCUE TEAM

**TITLE:** DANN, CARRIE;  
DANN, MARY;  
AFO; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
OO: LAS VEGAS

[REDACTED], Ranger,  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM)- VICTIM;  
AFO;  
OO: LAS VEGAS

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**RE:** Las Vegas telcals of SSRA [REDACTED] to FBIHQ,  
SSAs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED].

**REQUEST(S):** Las Vegas is requested to open a new 89 case  
utilizing the CARRIE DANN, et. al. caption. The [REDACTED]  
case is being closed based on his conviction and sentencing.

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**DETAILS:** For the information of FBIHQ, [REDACTED] was

[REDACTED]

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During the course of the trial and sentencing militant Indians from the American Indian Movement (AIM) and the Western Shoshone Defense Project (WSDP) demonstrated at the U.S. Courthouse. Public statements by WSDP leaders and captioned DANN sisters indicated that they would not accept federal court decisions which affirmed BLM authority to control livestock grazing on these public lands. The DANNS claim thousands of acres of public land as "ancestral tribal land." Their statements indicated that they fully intended to oppose, physically if necessary, any further attempts by BLM to confiscate livestock on BLM property.

On March 19-22, 1993 a meeting was held at the DANN ranch to plan for future actions to oppose BLM roundups on public lands. Intelligence from various sources indicated that attending this meeting were members of AIM, WSDP, and individuals involved in protests at the Nevada Nuclear Test Site. According to literature from the meeting, part of the program included "defense training" for the establishment of a "security zone" to protect DANN livestock.

Subsequent to this meeting, a mobile trailer was established on the DANN ranch and individuals, some attired in AIM jackets, began stopping vehicles on county roads adjoining the ranch and requiring identification prior to allowing vehicles to proceed. On at least one occasion BLM personnel enroute to another local ranch were stopped and harassed by Indians in AIM clothing. Roads in the vicinity of the DANN ranch have at various times been littered with spikes designed to prevent vehicular travel.

Local law enforcement has discovered at least one bunker-type fortification which has been built on BLM property near the DANN ranch. Regular vehicle patrols from the ranch have been observed on county roads surrounding the property. Activity observed near the ranch indicates that individuals from the ranch are dropped at strategic locations near the property each evening to act as sentries and are recovered each morning. At present, intelligence indicates that approximately thirty-five (35) individuals are involved in the day to day security operations.

Intelligence received from local authorities has disclosed that a large quantity of dynamite and blasting caps were recently stolen from a mining site in the Crescent Valley area where the ranch is located. No connection with the DANN situation has been established at this time. Intelligence has also been received that a Secret Service fugitive wanted in connection with an assault on former President Reagan is presently residing at the ranch. Intelligence from a source of unknown reliability who has been at the ranch during this time indicates that military-type training has been conducted and that

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key leaders at the site utilize only code-names in contacts with other persons at the property.

BLM officials have advised the FBI that they will take action to enforce the grazing regulations on BLM property should the DANNS again release livestock as they have publicly stated that they will. BLM understands the potential for a confrontation and will coordinate any activity with the FBI, state and local authorities. Preliminary discussions have been held with appropriate state and local agencies concerning this matter.

Per referenced telephone calls with FBIHQ, Las Vegas is not requesting an on-site survey by the Hostage Rescue Team (HRT) at this time, but will supply HRT with available information to assist them in preparing for a deployment should the situation so require. Per FBIHQ Las Vegas will coordinate this exchange directly with HRT.

SAC, Las Vegas will ensure that FBIHQ is kept apprised of all pertinent developments in the matter.

**INFORMATION COMMUNICATION**

Date: 09/13/93

**TO:** LAS VEGAS

**FROM:** SA [REDACTED] (P)  
SQ 7, ELKO RA

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**POINT OF CONTACT:** SA [REDACTED]

**TITLE:** DANN, CARRIE;  
DANN, MARY;  
[REDACTED];  
AFO;  
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OO:LAS VEGAS

**Caution Statement** KNOWN TO POSSESS FIREARMS; CONSIDER  
ARMED AND DANGEROUS

**Title Changed:** Title marked changed to reflect the  
additional name of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Title previously  
carried as CARRIE DANN; MARY DANN; AFO; OBSTRUCTION OF  
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**PURPOSE(S):** To advise Las Vegas Division and Reno Resident  
Agency of current situation at DANN RANCH, Crescent Valley,  
Nevada.

**DETAILS:** On Saturday, August 21, 1993, members of the WESTERN  
SHOSHONE DEFENSE replaced previously removed warning signs in and  
around the DANN RANCH, Crescent Valley, Nevada.

These signs are located on public access Eureka County  
Roads and state "Warning you are entering the National Security  
Zone of the Western Shoshone Nation." Information received  
indicates that during the weekend of 08/21/93 a lot of activity  
was noted in and around the DANN RANCH, Crescent Valley, Nevada.  
To include the placement of additional travel trailers and mobile  
type homes on BLM property adjacent to the ranch.

On 08/22/93, Chief Ranger (BLM) [REDACTED] advised the  
his agency has yet to decide on a date to move against DANN RANCH  
cattle. He advised that recent developments in and around the  
ranch somewhat indicates the DANN's may have escalated their

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activities in order to push a confrontation with the U.S. Government.

advised that the FBI will be kept abreast at the earliest date possible should a decision be made to the BLM to move against the DANN RANCH cattle.

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**INFORMATION COMMUNICATION**

Date: 02/02/94

**FROM:** LAS VEGAS (P)  
NNRA

**CONTACT:** SA [REDACTED] (702-738-1880)

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**TO:** LAS VEGAS (Encl. 1)  
SQ 7 RENO RA  
ATTN: SSRA [REDACTED]

**TITLE:** CARRIE DANN;  
MARY DANN;  
AFO;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
OO: LAS VEGAS

**ENCL:** Enclosed is one six page EUREKA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE report concerning an accident November 17, 1993 involving members of the DANN defense; Cresent Valley, Nevada.

**PURPOSE(S):** To advise of the current situation at the Dann Ranch, Cresent Valley, Nevada.

**DETAILS:** On December 8, 1993, Eureka County Sheriff, Deputy [REDACTED] advised that a member of the DANN defense identified as [REDACTED] was involved in an automobile accident with an individual identified as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was driving a red Toyota pickup truck bearing Nevada license number [REDACTED] when it crashed November 17, 1993.

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This vehicle is registered to [REDACTED].

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Deputy [REDACTED] advised that at the present time, December 1993 he would estimate that there are approximately 10-15 DANN defense supporters at the ranch. He advised that the DANN defense command post located in the town of Cresent Valley, Nevada is still being maintained and that a small number of roving patrols still operate on the county roads around the ranch.

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He advised that no problems between the DANN defense and local county residents, however have been noted.

Deputy [ ] advised that the DANN defense had placed a 5th wheel type trailer on the Pine Valley side of the mountain and that members of the Dann defense had manned it periodically.

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On December 10, 1993, [ ] BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM), Elko, Nevada, advised that at the present time, no action is being anticipated by his agency against the DANN family ranch, Cresent Valley, Nevada for violation over grazing of their livestock.

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[ ] advised that any action taken on this decision will be made by headquarters personnel possibly in Spring of 1994.

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It is suggested this matter be closed pending receipt of additional information for a possible re-opening.

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**ACTION COMMUNICATION**

Date: 02/18/94

**FROM:** LAS VEGAS (C)  
RENO RA

**CONTACT:** SSRA [REDACTED]

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**TO:** CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION  
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**TITLE:** DANN, CARRIE;  
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AFO;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE;  
OO: LAS VEGAS

**RE:** Las Vegas communication to FBIHQ 7/28/93.

**PURPOSE(S):** To provide FBIHQ with an update on captioned matter.

**DETAILS:** Intelligence received from sources in the Dann ranch area have reported that approximately 10-15 people remain at the ranch. These individuals continue to man the "command post" trailer at the entrance to the ranch and do conduct occasional roving patrols on roads surrounding the ranch.

No incidents have occurred recently between these individuals and local residents.

[REDACTED] BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM), Elko, Nevada, has advised that BLM has no present intentions of conducting any operations against the DANN's or the surrounding range. No action will be taken in any case prior to the spring of 1994.

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Accordingly, Las Vegas is closing captioned matter. In the event that BLM schedules additional action against the DANNs, the case will be reopened for intelligence purposes. Las Vegas will continue to monitor activities in the area and will report any significant information to FBIHQ.

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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**Precedence:** PRIORITY

**Date:** 07/28/1995

**To:** Las Vegas

**Attn:** SA [redacted]  
SA [redacted]

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**From:** SA [redacted]  
SQ7 Elko RA

**Approved By:** [redacted]

**Drafted By:** SA [redacted]

**File Number(s):** 89A LV 23542 (Pending)  
Alternate 89C LV 25823

**Title:** Carrie Dann;  
Mary Dann;  
AFO; Obstruction of Justice;  
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**Approach With Caution**

**Synopsis:** On Friday July 21, 1995 the following State of Nevada and U.S. Federal Agencies responded to a range fire in Crescent Valley, near the Dann Ranch, located in Eureka County. These agencies which include the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) United States Forest Service (USFS) Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) Carlin Nevada Volunteer Fire Department and the Eureka County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to BLM land adjacent to the Dann Ranch. The fire was contained and put out on BLM land within several hundred yards of the main Dann Ranch area. Members of the Dann Defense (as they are called) interfered with the efforts of the fire fighters when they (Fire Fighters) attempted to conduct a back burn on BLM land near the ranch. (K)

**Reference:** Crescent Valley fire Eureka County Nevada on 7/21,22/95.

**Enclosures:** One 8x10 photograph of the Dann Defense encampment located 3/4 mile from the Dann Ranch on BLM land showing new underground structure.

**Details:** On Friday July 21, 1995 a range fire which has since been determined to have been caused by a lightening strike was fought by several Nevada State and Federal fire fighting agencies in Crescent Valley Nevada, near the Dann Ranch, in Eureka County Nevada.

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During the time the fire was being fought on BLM land some distance from the Dann Ranch, no physical or verbal confrontations had taken place between members of the Dann Defense (numbering approx. 20) and the fire fighters conducting the fire fight. However as the fire approached the Dann Ranch a decision by the on scene fire commander (name unknown) to back burn an area next to the ranch on BLM land, was given to the Carlin Nevada Volunteers to conduct. Information obtained indicates that [redacted] and others not identified, obstructed and physically assaulted a member of the Carlin Fire Department as he conducted the back burn operation. Additional members of the Dann Defense which numbered at that time, approximately 20, physically extinguished the back burn fire operation initiated by the Carlin Fire Department.

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Eureka County Sheriff Ken Jones was also confronted during this same time, by several other Dann Defense members who raised their shovels in a threatening manner at the Sheriff and the fire fighters but with no physical altercation taking place.

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At the present time there has been an increase in the activity and the number of protestors entering the Dann Ranch. The estimated number of Dann Defenders on Friday July 28, 1995 is currently at 20-30 with the majority of those being non-Native Americans. A scheduled Pow Wow for this incident has been called and will be held sometime during the weekend of 7/29/95 at the Dann Ranch. (No current problems concerning this event are anticipated at this time.)

Information obtained on 7/28/95 by Eureka County Sheriff's Deputy [redacted] has determined that a new 20'x30' underground structure has been added inside the Dann Defense encampment, located 3/4 mile from the Dann Ranch on BLM land. The structure according to [redacted] has windows on the North and East sides, is approximately 3' above ground level with a chimney, wood sides and a dirt roof. No other details are available at this time.

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Date 7/24/96

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SUBJECT: CARRIE DANN; MARY DANN; AFO - OBSTRUCTION OF  
 JUSTICE; OO:LV.

PER TELCAL OF SSA [REDACTED], FBIHQ, TO SSRA [REDACTED], RENO  
 RESIDENT AGENCY ON 07/22/96; THE TELCAL OF SSRA [REDACTED] TO ASAC  
 [REDACTED], LAS VEGAS ON 07/23/96; AND, THE TELCAL OF SSRA  
 [REDACTED] TO SAC DONETTE GORDON, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, ON  
 07/23/96.

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THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO CLARIFY THE  
 IMPENDING INTENTIONS OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT (BLM) IN  
 THE ABOVE CAPTIONED DANN RANCH MATTER. APPARENTLY, THERE IS

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SOME CONFUSION REGARDING THE PLANNED ACTIONS OF THE BLM ON OR ABOUT JULY 31, 1996. ON JULY 22, 1996, INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED TO FBI RENO FROM FBIHQ THAT THE BLM PLANNED ACTIONS TO CONFRONT AND/OR ARREST INDIVIDUALS FOR TRESPASS AT THE DANN RANCH IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS TYPE OF ACTION WOULD OBVIOUSLY BE OF CONCERN TO THE FBI DUE TO THE POTENTIAL RESPONSE AND/OR VIOLENT CONFRONTATION INVOLVING FEDERAL OFFICERS THAT MIGHT OCCUR.

AS A RESULT, SSRA [ ] TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED SAC DONNETTE GORDON, BLM ON 07/23/96 AND WAS ADVISED OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. THE BLM PLANS TO TRAVEL TO THE DANN RANCH ON OR ABOUT JULY 31, 1996, TO PROVIDE SERVICE OF NOTICE OF TRESPASS. PERSONAL TRESPASS NOTICES WILL BE GIVEN TO EACH INDIVIDUAL WHO IS LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY IN QUESTION. A LIVESTOCK TRESPASS WILL BE GIVEN TO MARY AND CARRIE DANN.

ACCORDING TO MS GORDON, THE INDIVIDUALS HAVE FOURTEEN (14) DAYS TO COMPLY WITH THE TRESPASS NOTICES. AFTER THE END OF THIS PERIOD, THE BLM PLANS TO DO A "DRIVE BY" TO DETERMINE THE COMPLIANCE, OR LACK THEREOF TO THE ORDERS. IN ADDITION, MS GORDON INDICATED THAT THE INDIVIDUALS COULD APPEAL THE

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ORDERS FOR A THIRTY (30) DAY PERIOD, BE HELD TO COMPLY, AND  
SUBSEQUENTLY HAVE A FOURTEEN (14) DAY COMPLIANCE PERIOD.

UPON THE CONFIRMATION OF THE VIOLATION OF THE COURT  
ORDER(S), THE BLM INTENDS TO REFER THE MATTER TO AUSA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] (PH), U.S. ATTORNEY LAS VEGAS, FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION.  
THIS WOULD LIKELY RESULT IN CIVIL PROCESS AND/OR TEMPORARY  
RESTRAINING ORDERS, AND ACCORDING TO MS GORDON, THE MATTER  
WOULD BE REFERRED TO THE U.S. MARSHALS AND IT WOULD BE "OUT OF  
OUR (BLM'S) HANDS". MS GORDON WAS SPECIFICALLY ASKED BY SSRA  
[REDACTED] ABOUT ANY CONCERNS SHE MAY HAVE REGARDING A VIOLENT  
RESPONSE TO THE SERVICE OF THE TRESPASS NOTICES. SHE ADVISED  
HER CONCERNS ARE MINIMAL SINCE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MS GORDON  
CONCLUDED THE INTERVIEW BY STATING THAT AT THIS TIME, THE BLM  
IS SIMPLY "STUDYING AND UTILIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESS"  
IN AN ATTEMPT TO FIND A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THIS MATTER.



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SHE CLARIFIED THAT THE BLM NEITHER PLANS A CONFRONTATION OR ARRESTS DURING THE SERVICE OF THE TRESPASS.

FINALLY, IN AN UNRELATED MATTER, AN INFORMANT OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY HAS REPORTED THAT SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL BE SERVED ARE GROWING MARIJUANA ON THE LAND. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO BLM INVESTIGATOR, [REDACTED] BY SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED], ELKO RA, ON 07/18/96.

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BASED ON THE ABOVE INFORMATION, THE LAS VEGAS DIVISION DOES NOT PLAN TO ASSIGN PERSONNEL TO THE SERVICE OF THE TRESPASS ORDERS. LAS VEGAS WILL ADVISE FBIHQ OF ANY ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION REGARDING THIS MATTER AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE OR ANY TIME IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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